

OKLAHOMA WINGSPAN



UPCOMING EVENTS

April

10	Mission Scanner Class Tinker AFB
16-18	Wing Conference
16-18	Airshow Oklahoma MKO
23-25	SAREX Stillwater

May

1	MayDay Carnival Stillwater
6	Space Day 2004
14-16	OK008 FTX
15-16	Check Pilot Clinic
29-30	CN Training

June

11-13	SAREX Tulsa
18-20	Aerospace America Will Rogers
19-26	Cadet Encampment Bacone College

July

17-18	Pilot Clinic Enid
17-24	SWR Staff College

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMANDER

Col. Virginia Keller

The trip to the Winter National Board went well and I must thank Cadet Patrick Patterson for his assistance in the visits to Oklahoma's senators and representatives. We were also assisted by Cadet Whisehunt from Arizona (he has attended one of our encampments at Ft. Sill).

I hope all of you a planning on attending the Wing Conference at the Southern Hills Marriott in Tulsa 16-17 April. We have lots of prestigious visitors, including the National Commander, the National

Vice Commander, and Southwest Region Commander, attending from out of state and I would like them to meet all the terrific members of the Oklahoma Wing. If you haven't registered, please do so right away.

Virginia Keller Col CAP
Oklahoma Wing Commander

OKLAHOMA WING CONFERENCE

The Wing Conference is rapidly approaching. The annual conference will be held in Tulsa on 16-18 April at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel. Registration forms and additional information can be found on the Calender at the Oklahoma Wing Website. Cost for the conference is \$45, additional tickets for the awards banquet Saturday night can be purchased for \$30. The CAP National Commander, BG Richard Bowling,

is scheduled as the guest speaker for the banquet.

There is not much time left and we would like to encourage all senior members to attend. We would certainly like to have a nice turnout of Oklahoma CAP members to meet and hear the National Commander BG Richard Bowling as our guest speaker for the banquet. For more information contact 2Lt Brenda Miles.

PROP WASH

Capt. Kathy Curtin, PAO

CIVIL AIR PATROL THE BEST KEPT SECRET

You may have read several articles talking about Civil Air Patrol and it being referred to as "The Best Kept Secret". Well, I for one feel that CAP should not be kept a secret. More than likely, if you are reading this newsletter, you are already a member of Civil Air Patrol. You already know what a wonderful organization CAP is. You already know what a rich history it has in homeland defense and what significant services it provides our communities, our states and our nation. I could go on and on about our three main missions and our humanitarian services, but the important part here is that as a member you should be able to as well.

It is the people that don't already know about Civil Air Patrol who need to be informed. It is each Squadron's responsibility to have a Public Affairs Officer. It should be the PAO's responsibility to keep the public informed as to who you are and what you are doing. The public's support and knowledge of what we are doing is important to the success of our missions.

Let's all help make Oklahoma Civil Air Patrol the most "publicized" organization.

(P.S. Oh Yeah, send me articles for the Oklahoma Wingspan.)

Captain Kathy Curtin



"Semper Vigilans"

NATIONAL CONGRESS ON AVIATION AND SPACE EDUCATION

The National Congress on Aviation and Space Education was held this year at the magnificent Marriott Marquis in Atlanta, Georgia on 24-27 March. Ten members of the Oklahoma Wing attended including the Wing Commander Virginia Keller, Ron Sandhop, Jane Sandhop, Tom Clark, Kelly Wardlaw, Richard Sugarman, Jeff Zoellick, Don Loving, Don Favor, and Kathy Curtin.

Members attending were treated to fabulous guest speakers during the general assemblies; intriguing concurrent sessions, and bags full of hand-outs and literature from exhibitors.

Wardlaw and Curtin were presenters at a session on Friday afternoon. Kelly Wardlaw also won the ultimate door prize of a week Space Camp at the U.S. Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama.

Everyone should plan on attending NCASE next year which will be held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA on 27-30 April.



MAYDAY ~ MAYDAY

**DO NOT DISTRESS!
THERE IS NO DANGER!
THIS IS A CODE "FUN"!
WE REPEAT: A CODE "FUN"!**

The Stillwater Composite Squadron will be hosting a MayDay Aerospace Education Carnival on Saturday, May 1, 2004 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the National Guard Armory located at 1207 W. Airport Road in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Everyone is invited to attend and participate in several fun and educational aviation and space related games.

This would be a good field trip for squadrons and would also fulfill the AEX activity requirement. Admission is free and a wide variety of games and activities are planned for all ages. For more information contact Major Kelly Wardlaw at 405-707-0200 or Captain Kathy Curtin at 405-282-2314.



NINETY-NINES OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Oklahoma Chapter of the NINETY-NINES, INC. is pleased to announce its 19th annual "Wings of the Future" aviation scholarship.

If you know of a young woman who is working on an aviation career and would like to apply, please pass this information along to her as soon as possible. The potential candidate should be success oriented, self-motivated, show a strong tendency for professionalism and have a great deal of enthusiasm.

Applications must be postmarked no

later than April 17, 2004. Winners will be notified by 1 June 04, which will allow the winner to take flight training during the summer. The 2004 scholarship winner will also be recognized at the Okie Derby Proficiency Air Race Banquet on 21 August 2004.

Please contact Col. Virginia Keller for the application at 918-454-2455 or 405-747-5964. The deadline is very close, so contact as soon as possible.



NEW CAP COMMAND PATCH - HAVE YOU GOT YOURS?

It is now MANDATORY to wear this newly approved CAP Command Patch on the military-style flight suit and flight suit jacket.

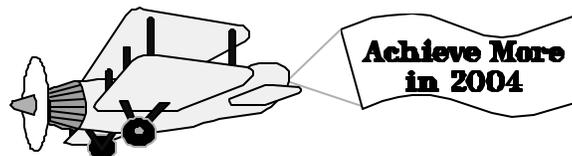
It replaced the round seal patch on the flight suits and utility uniform on 31 March 2004.



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“This Space Intentionally Left Blank” is not something that we want to see in a newsletter because someone did not send in an article.

If you see the same names continually appearing in these newsletters, it is because those individuals or squadrons are actively supporting our CAP programs or submitting information for the newsletter. The more you put into an organization the more you get out of an organization. We would like to see everyone’s name in future newsletters.



“The Wright Brothers created the single greatest cultural force since the invention of writing. The airplane became the first World Wide Web, bringing people languages, ideas, and values together.”

Bill Gates, CEO Microsoft Corporation

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